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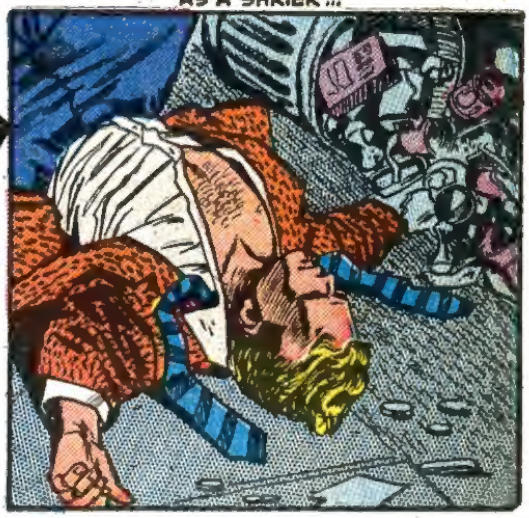
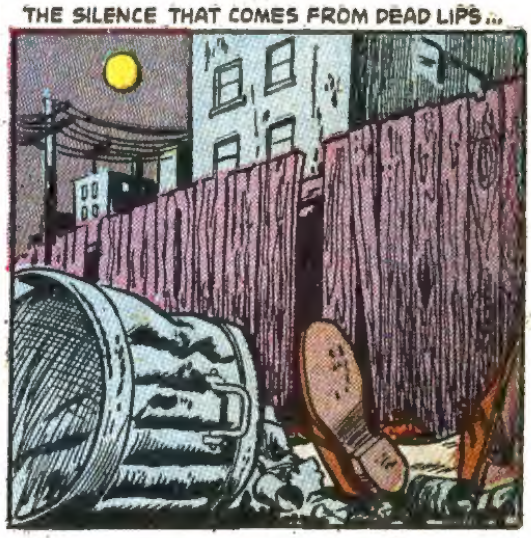
THE COUPLE NEXT DOOR!

A MAN WALKS SLOWLY THROUGH THE FOG! A SHADOW CROSSES HIS PATH! A SHRIEK BURSTS FROM HIS HORRIFIED LIPS!

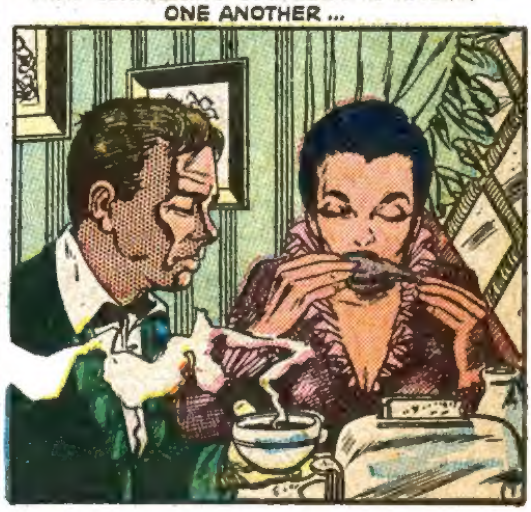
THEN THERE IS SILENCE! A SILENCE HIDEOUS AS A SHRIEK...



THE SILENCE THAT COMES FROM DEAD LIPS...



BUT THERE ARE OTHER KINDS OF SILENCE, EQUALLY HIDEOUS! THE SILENT "TREATMENT" THAT QUARRELING COUPLES USE TO HURT ONE ANOTHER...



YOU KNOW THE KIND! THEY COULD BE THE COUPLE NEXT DOOR... OUTWARDLY SMILING, INWARDLY SEETHING WITH ANGER... AN ANGER FROZEN INTO ICY SILENCE AND COLD STARES! FROM DAWN TO DUSK, THIS COUPLE IGNORES EACH OTHER...

THEN, ONE SUNDAY, BILL PARRISH BREAKS THE ICE...

THIS IS RIDICULOUS, CAROL! WE'RE GOING TO SPEAK SOMETIME! LET'S TAKE A BOAT OUT ON THE PARK LAKE AND TALK THINGS OVER!
IT'S USELESS! WE'VE NOTHING TO SAY TO EACH OTHER!

BUT BILL INSISTS! THE SUN IS HOT AND THE BREEZE IS BALMY... BILL FEELS THE STIRRING OF NEW HOPE!

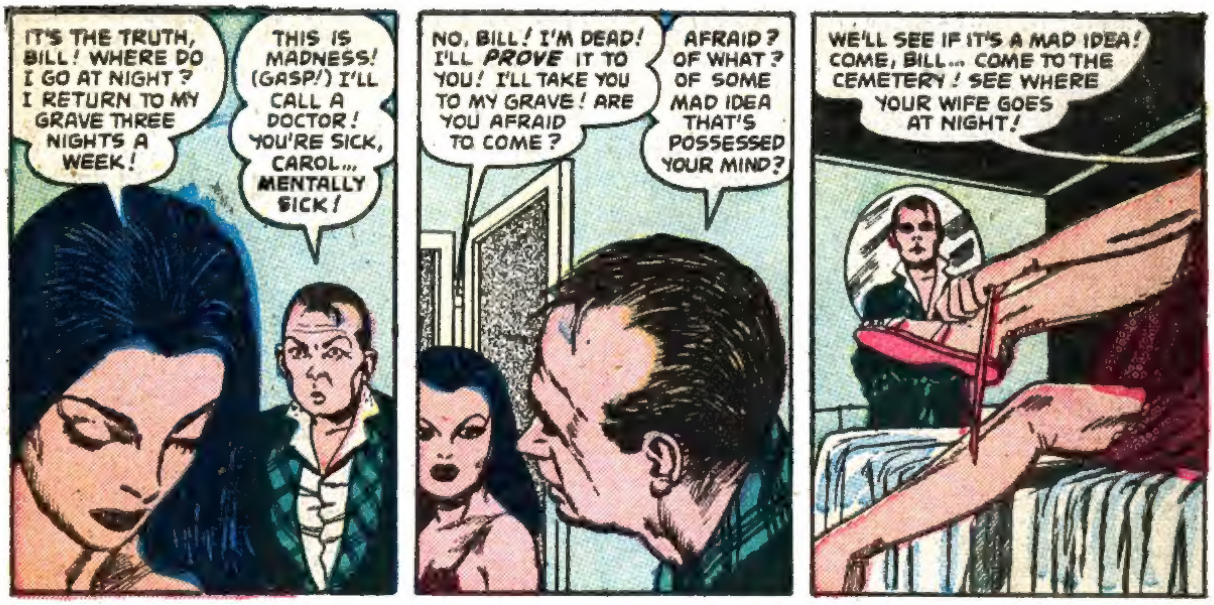
LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD! WE'RE A NEUROTIC CITY COUPLE WHO'VE BEEN MARRIED THREE YEARS! BUT OUR MARRIAGE HASN'T BEEN ALL IT SHOULD BE... RIGHT?
I SUPPOSE SO!

MAYBE IF EACH OF US TOLD THE OTHER WHAT WAS REALLY IN HIS MIND... ALL HIS INNERMOST, GUILTY SECRETS... MAYBE THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT!
I DOUBT IT!

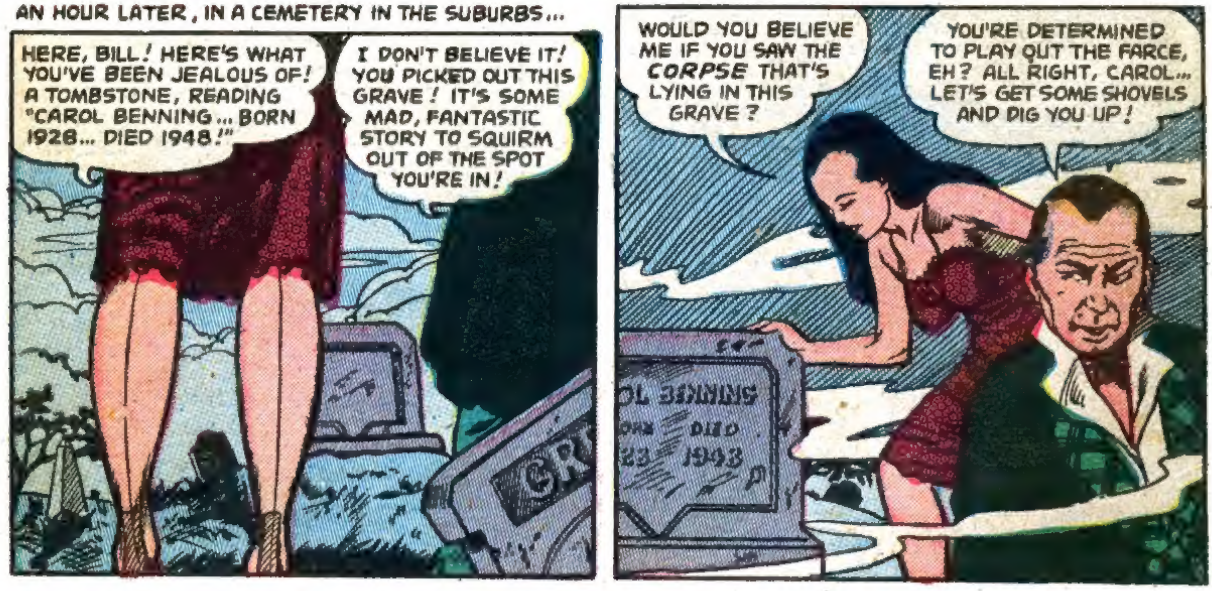
SO BILL CONFESSES... THAT HE DRINKS AND GAMBLES...

YOUR MYSTERIOUS COMINGS AND GOINGS AT NIGHT! WHERE DO YOU GO? WHOM DO YOU SEE? YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY!
AND YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY... WITH YOUR CONSTANT CROSS-EXAMINATIONS! LEAVE ME ALONE!

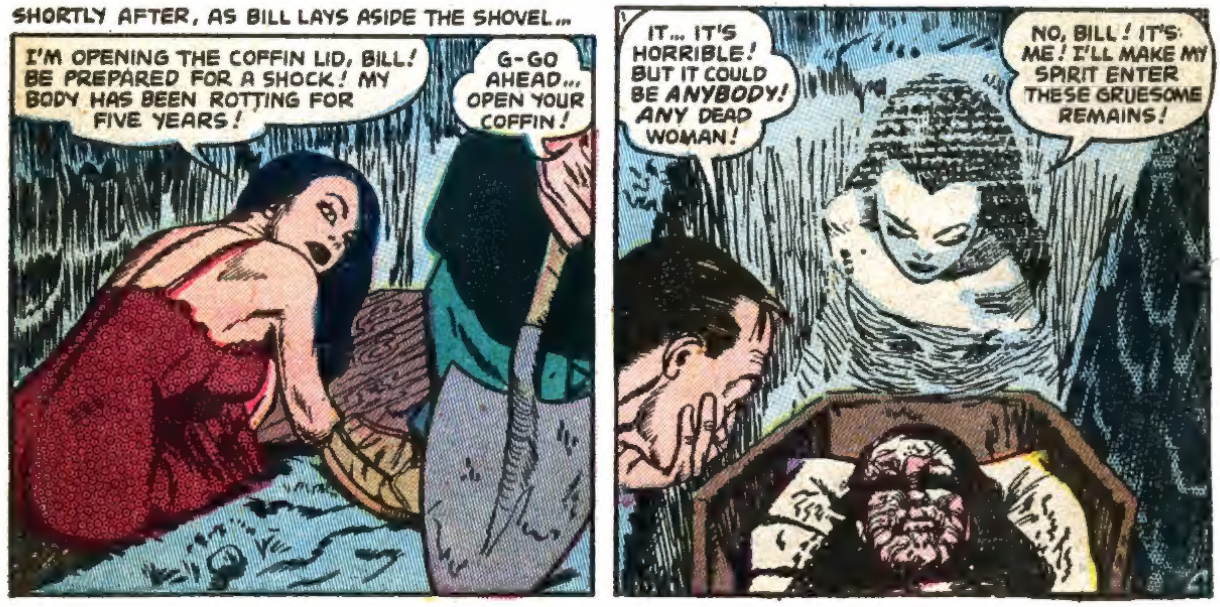
DAY AND NIGHT, BILL PERSISTS IN LEARNING CAROL'S SECRET...
WHERE DO YOU GO? WHOM DO YOU SEE? WHAT DO YOU DO? TELL ME, OR BY HEAVEN, I'LL...
I CAN'T TELL YOU, UNDERSTAND? I CAN'T TELL YOU!
YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME, CAROL... OR I'LL PUT US BOTH OUT OF OUR MISERY!
(GASP!) A GUN!
NOW YOU SEE HOW SERIOUS I AM! I FOUND THIS TIE BAR IN THE CAR! WHO LEFT IT THERE? WHO'S THE MAN?
N-NOBODY! I SWEAR IT, BILL... NOBODY!
LIAR! YOU'RE TWO-TIMING ME! YOU GO OUT THREE NIGHTS A WEEK! YOU STAY OUT TILL DAWN!
YOU'LL REGRET THIS, BILL! YOU'LL BE THE SORRIEST MAN ALIVE!
I'M THE SORRIEST MAN NOW!
BUT YOU CAN'T KILL ME, BILL!
I'M ALREADY DEAD! DEAD AS ANY CORPSE YOU'LL FIND IN THE MORGUE!
Y-YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND!
YES, BILL! THAT'S MY SECRET! I WAS DEAD WHEN YOU MARRIED ME! I'M DEAD NOW! CAROL PARRISH IS A CORPSE!


IT'S THE TRUTH, BILL! WHERE DO I GO AT NIGHT? I RETURN TO MY GRAVE THREE NIGHTS A WEEK!
THIS IS MADNESS! (GASP!) I'LL CALL A DOCTOR! YOU'RE SICK, CAROL... MENTALLY SICK!
NO, BILL! I'M DEAD! I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU! I'LL TAKE YOU TO MY GRAVE! ARE YOU AFRAID TO COME?
AFRAID? OF WHAT? OF SOME MAD IDEA THAT'S POSSESSED YOUR MIND?
WE'LL SEE IF IT'S A MAD IDEA! COME, BILL... COME TO THE CEMETERY! SEE WHERE YOUR WIFE GOES AT NIGHT!

AN HOUR LATER, IN A CEMETERY IN THE SUBURBS...


HERE, BILL! HERE'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN JEALOUS OF! A TOMBSTONE, READING "CAROL BENNING... BORN 1928... DIED 1948!"
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! YOU PICKED OUT THIS GRAVE! IT'S SOME MAD, FANTASTIC STORY TO SQUIRM OUT OF THE SPOT YOU'RE IN!
WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME IF YOU SAW THE CORPSE THAT'S LYING IN THIS GRAVE?
YOU'RE DETERMINED TO PLAY OUT THE FARCE, EH? ALL RIGHT, CAROL... LET'S GET SOME SHOVELS AND DIG YOU UP!

SHORTLY AFTER, AS BILL LAYS ASIDE THE SHOVEL...


I'M OPENING THE COFFIN LID, BILL! BE PREPARED FOR A SHOCK! MY BODY HAS BEEN ROTTING FOR FIVE YEARS!
G-GO AHEAD... OPEN YOUR COFFIN!
IT... IT'S HORRIBLE! BUT IT COULD BE ANYBODY! ANY DEAD WOMAN!
NO, BILL! IT'S ME! I'LL MAKE MY SPIRIT ENTER THESE GRUESOME REMAINS!

BEFORE BILL'S HORRIFIED EYES, THE CADAVER CHANGES...
IT... IT'S TRUE ... (GASP!) I MARRIED A DEAD WOMAN! A VAMPIRE!
BILL! W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT STAKE?
THE LEGENDS SAY YOU CAN KILL A VAMPIRE BY DRIVING A STAKE THROUGH ITS HEART!
NO!
EEEEEE
(GROAN!) WHY DID YOU DO IT?
FOR REVENGE!
THEY FOUND MY BROTHER JIM LAST FRIDAY NIGHT... WITH HIS THROAT RIPPED OUT, HIS BLOOD SUCKED FROM HIS VEINS! ONE OF MANY SUCH KILLINGS, THE POLICE SAID!
SUNDAY MORNING I FOUND THE TIE BAR IN THE CAR! THERE WERE BLOOD STAINS ON THE UPHOLSTERY! SUDDENLY, I KNEW WHO THE KILLER WAS! YOU WERE A VAMPIRE... BUT I HAD TO FIND YOUR GRAVE!
HERE, CAROL... HERE'S THE PRESENT I GAVE JIM FIVE YEARS AGO! NOW I GIVE IT TO YOU!
I'VE AVENGED YOU, JIM! YOU CAN REST IN PEACE NOW!
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FROM ANOTHER PLANET

It was a hot sticky summer night when I stopped in to Barney's for a cool beer before I went home. It was a small out of the way place, and not apt to be too crowded even on a night such as this. Barney kept it only because he wanted something to do. He didn't need money, just didn't want to let himself get too idle. Most of the boys who dropped in knew Barney well and vice-versa.

I ordered my beer and was passing idle chit-chat with Barney just from something to do. I hadn't been in very long, when Barney nodded at the door, saying, "Oh-oh. Don't look now."

Through the back mirror in front of the bar I saw a small thin nervous looking man walk into Barney's, blinking his eyes to get used to the dim interior.

Barney's voice was low so it wouldn't carry to the stranger. "Was in here about an hour ago. Raving to me about some planet, and green men and radioactiviy. A nut if you ask me, but harmless enough it seems. Think he's just looking for someone to stake him to a few drinks. If you want a laugh, go ahead."

I was thinking it over when someone tugged at my elbow and a low voice said, "You'll listen, won't you Mac? You've got to. None of these fellows will believe me. But somebody's got to! Somebody's got to!"

Barfly or not, there was a desperate urgency in his voice and a pleading look in his burning eyes. The rest of the boys in the room snickered softly and winked at me behind the stranger's back. Well why not? It wouldn't be the first time I was stuck for a few drinks.

"Sure I'll listen," I said, leading him over to one of the small tables, at the same time motioning Barney to get us a couple of drinks.

We sat down and almost immediately the stranger started talking, and as he did, I began to think the same as the others who had heard him. The guy was nuts. But it was an interesting story.

He fondled the drink Barney had brought him, looked me straight in the eyes and began:

"You, like all the others, probably won't believe me. Most of them didn't listen five minutes. Said I was nuts." He laughed mirthlessly, sipped his drink and went on.

"Six months ago I was a pilot, a test pilot for Uncle Sam. I was up testing the newest Jet they've got, the XL-70, the fastest baby they've got. It's some boat, believe me.

"I took her up and she handled as nicely as anything I've ever flown, so I decided I'm going to take her 10 miles straight up. The boys in charge would never consent to this, but there wasn't much they could do about it from the ground.

"It was lovely up there, the sun a big orange ball, stars all over the place even though it was daylight on earth. The whole atmosphere was purplish-black. It was like being in another world.

"Suddenly to my left I see something moving at a terrific rate of speed. It passes me as if I was standing still, and I'm doing over seven hundred miles an hour."

I said nothing — it was his story.

"But this thing is travelling horizontal so it rules out meteors and anything else. I decide to follow it as long as I can. Believe it or not Mac, it was a

CONTINUED BEFORE LAST STORY

How I foxed the Navy

by Arthur Godfrey

The Navy almost scuttled me. I shudder to think of it. My crazy career could have ended right there. Who knows, I might still be burming Chesterfields instead of selling them.

To be scuttled by the Navy you've either got to do something wrong or neglect to do something right. They've got you both ways. For my part, I neglected to finish high school.

Ordinarily, a man can get along without a high school diploma. Plenty of men have. But not in the Navy. At least not in the U. S. Navy Materiel School at Bellevue, D. C., back in 1929. In those days a bluejacket had to have a mind like Einstein's. And I didn't.

"Godfrey," said the lieutenant a few days after I'd checked in, "either you learn mathematics and learn it *fast* or out you go. I'll give you six weeks." This, I figured, was it. For a guy who had to take off his shoes to count above ten, it was an impossible assignment.

I was ready to turn in my bell-bottoms. But an ad in a magazine stopped me. Here, it said, is your chance to get special training in almost any subject—mathematics included. I hopped on it. Within a week I was enrolled with the International Correspondence Schools studying algebra, geometry and trig for all I was worth.

Came week-end liberty, I studied. Came a holiday, I studied. Came the end of the six weeks, I was top man in the class. Within six weeks I had mastered two years of high school math, thanks to the training I'd gotten.

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A HUSH FELL OVER THE MOB IN TIMES SQUARE! HUDDLED TOGETHER IN FEAR, THEIR EYES STRAINED UPWARD TO THE BLINKING LETTERS, LIPS MOVED TO SPELL OUT THE MESSAGE THAT FLASHED ACROSS THE TIMES BUILDING! THEY WERE WAITING FOR NEWS FROM OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY...WAITING FOR THE REPORT THAT NEVER CAME!

THE COUNTRY.... CIT

ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST MYSTIC TALES!

CITY...COMPLETELY... SEALED...OFF...NO...CONTACT... WITH...THE...REST...OF... THE...COUNTRY...

NO EXIT

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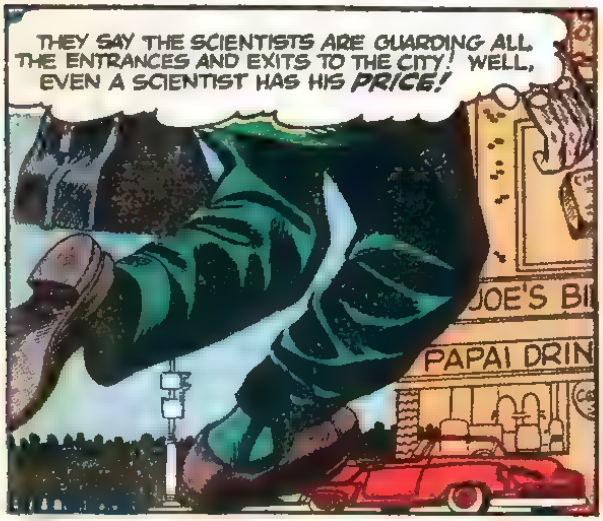
REPORTS CAME FROM ONLY INSIDE NEW YORK CITY! NO ONE HAD BEEN ABLE TO GET IN OR OUT... AND THE RUMORS TOLD OF STRANGE CREATURES THAT HAD SEALED OFF EVERY EXIT FROM THE CITY! BUT THERE WAS ONE MAN WHO WAS DETERMINED...

LOOK AT THEM DOWN THERE...MILLING AROUND LIKE A HERD OF CATTLE! WELL, I'M **NOT** GOING TO STAY HERE LIKE THOSE FOOLS!

CHARLIE DANNON OPENED HIS OFFICE SAFE AND BEGAN THE JOB OF TRANSFERRING HIS MONEY AND SECURITIES TO HIS TRAVELING BAGS...

I'VE GOT ENOUGH HERE TO LIVE LIKE A KING FOR THE REST OF MY DAYS! WITH ALL MY INFLUENCE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THIS CITY!

CHARLIE DANNON MADE HIS WAY OUT OF THE EMPTY OFFICE BUILDING UNOBSERVED! HE WALKED QUICKLY TO HIS CAR PARKED DOWN THE BLOCK...


THEY SAY THE SCIENTISTS ARE GUARDING ALL THE ENTRANCES AND EXITS TO THE CITY! WELL, EVEN A SCIENTIST HAS HIS PRICE!
JOE'S BI
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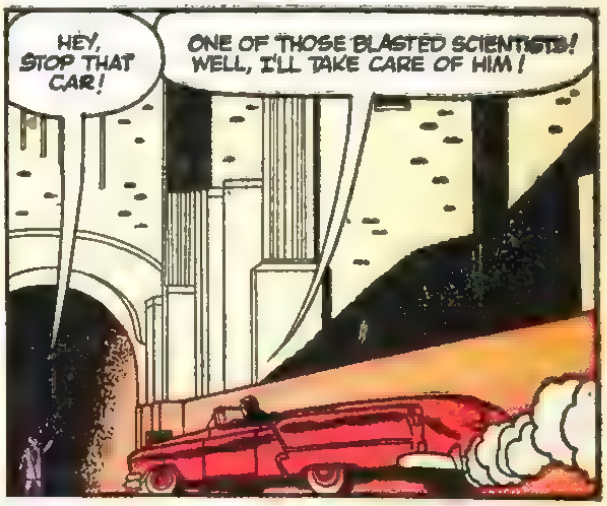
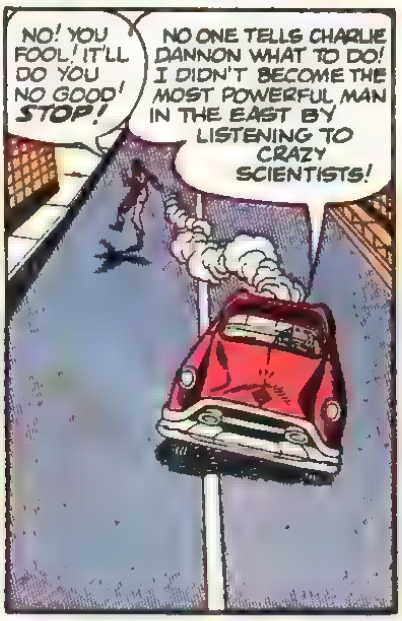
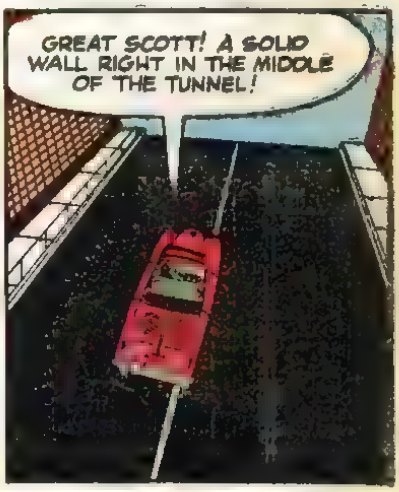
HE RACED THROUGH THE SILENT STREETS TO THE WEST SIDE, IGNORING TRAFFIC SIGNALS! HE TURNED OFF INTO THE LINCOLN TUNNEL THAT CONNECTS THE CITY WITH NEW JERSEY...



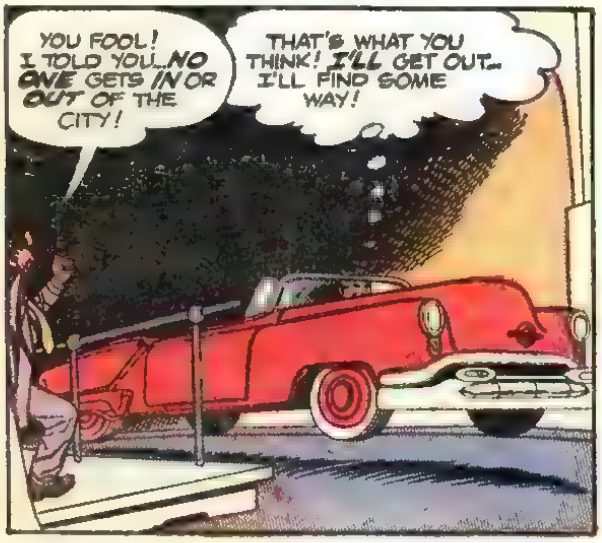
MY NAME IS DANNON! AND I'VE GOT IMPORTANT BUSINESS OUT OF TOWN! THERE'S A THOUSAND DOLLARS IF YOU'LL...
ARE YOU CRAZY? NO ONE CAN GET IN OR OUT OF THE CITY! THAT MONEY WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD NOW!


NO! YOU FOOL! IT'LL DO YOU NO GOOD! STOP!
NO ONE TELLS CHARLIE DANNON WHAT TO DO! I DIDN'T BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE EAST BY LISTENING TO CRAZY SCIENTISTS!

HE SPED INTO THE TUNNEL HEARING THE THUNDERING ECHO OF HIS OWN CAR IN THE GIANT TUBE! BUT SUDDENLY HE HAD TO JAM ON THE BRAKES TO PREVENT HIMSELF FROM SMASHING INTO A SOLID WALL!



TERRIFIED, CHARLIE DANNON TURNED HIS CAR AROUND, AND HEADED BACK...



THE SITUATION WAS THE SAME AT ALL OF THE BRIDGES LEADING OUT OF THE CITY...

SORRY... SEALED EXIT!

THE BUS TERMINAL WAS CLOSED DOWN...

NO BUSSES ARE LEAVING THE CITY!

AT THE TRAIN DEPOT...

TRAINS HAVEN'T COME IN OR OUT SINCE IT STARTED!

AND THE FERRY STATION AT THE BATTERY...

THEY DON'T RUN THE FERRIES ANY MORE! ONE TRIED TO GET ACROSS AND JUST VANISHED!

THERE MUST BE A WAY TO GET OUT! I WON'T LET THEM KEEP ME HERE! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING I HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF!

GREAT SCOTT! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE? OF COURSE, THAT'S THE ONLY ***SURE*** WAY TO GET OUT... ***BY PLANE!***

FLY

IT WAS ONLY A FIFTEEN-MINUTE DRIVE ON THE EMPTY HIGHWAY TO THE NEAREST AIRPORT! CHARLIE DROVE RIGHT OUT ONTO THE FIELD WHERE A PILOT WAS WORKING ON HIS PLANE...

YOU'RE A PILOT! GET ME OUT OF THE CITY AND I'LL GIVE YOU $10,000!

YOU'RE NUTS, MISTER! NO PLANES ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE OFF!

I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE! I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE... AND SINCE I CAN FLY A PLANE, I CAN DO IT ***WITHOUT YOU!***

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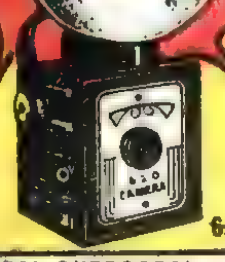

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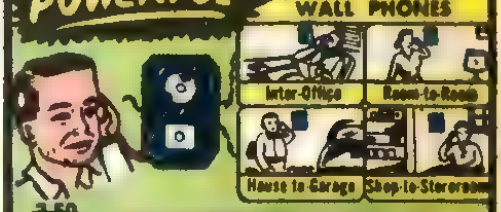

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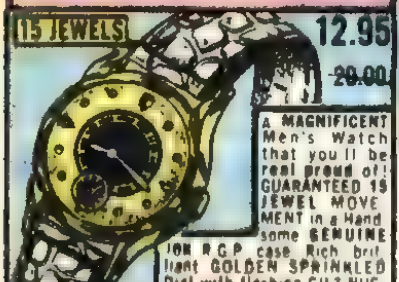

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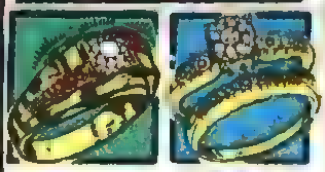

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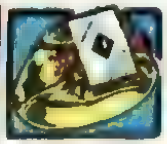

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THE PALISADES SHOULD BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE! BUT I DON'T SEE THEM! THEY'RE NOT THERE! THERE'S NO HUDSON RIVER AND NO NEW JERSEY! I MUST BE GOING MAD!

MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE LANDING FIELD SEVERAL OF THE SCIENTISTS WATCHED THE COURSE OF CHARLIE DANNON'S PLANE AS IT MOVED OUT PAST THE BOUNDARIES OF MANHATTAN ISLAND...

WELL, NOW THAT HE KNOWS, I WONDER IF HE'LL UNDERSTAND?

EVEN IF HE DOES! IT'S TOO LATE! AT LEAST WE'VE KEPT THE REST OF THE PEOPLE FROM KNOWING! THEY'D KILL THEMSELVES IN PANIC IF THEY EVER FOUND OUT!

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BUT CHARLIE KNEW! HIS EYES HAD SHOWN HIM THINGS THAT SMASHED INTO HIS TORTURED MIND AND MADE HIM MAD! NOW HE KNEW WHY THERE WERE NO MESSAGES FROM THE OUTSIDE!

HA! HA! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S A LIE! THEY'VE HYPNOTIZED ME! IT CAN'T BE! IT'S NOT TRUE!

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CHARLIE DANNON HAD SUCCEEDED IN DOING WHAT NO ONE ELSE COULD DO... HE GOT OUT OF NEW YORK! BUT NOW HE KNOWS THERE IS NO OUTSIDE!

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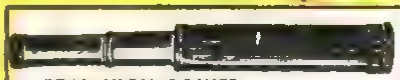

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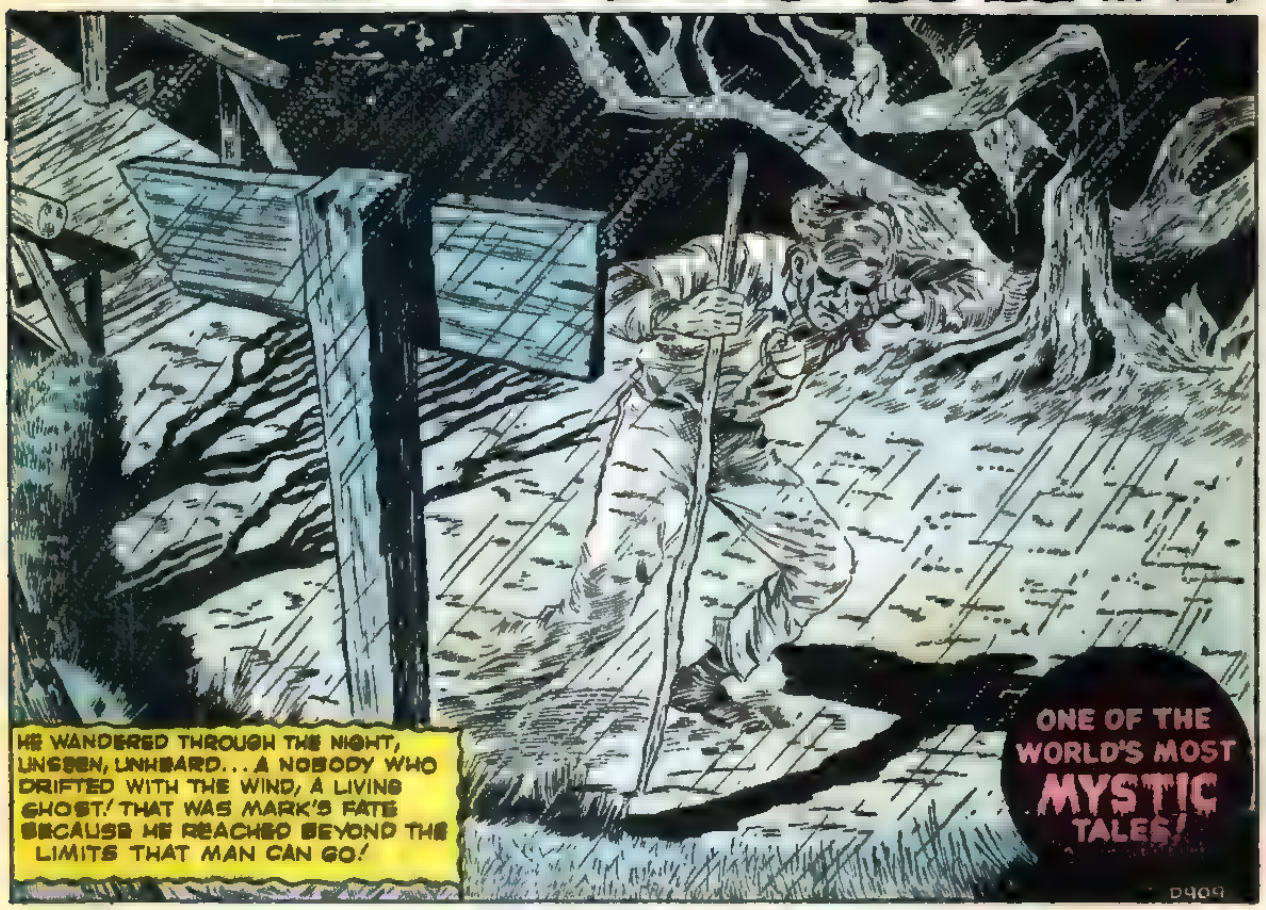
THE UNSEEN!


HE WANDERED THROUGH THE NIGHT, UNSEEN, UNHEARD... A NOBODY WHO DRIFTED WITH THE WIND, A LIVING GHOST! THAT WAS MARK'S FATE BECAUSE HE REACHED BEYOND THE LIMITS THAT MAN CAN GO!
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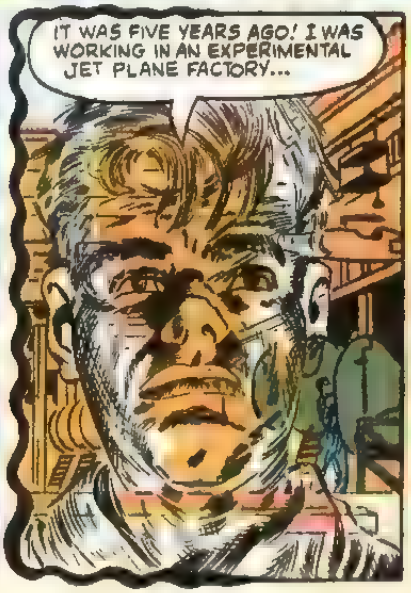
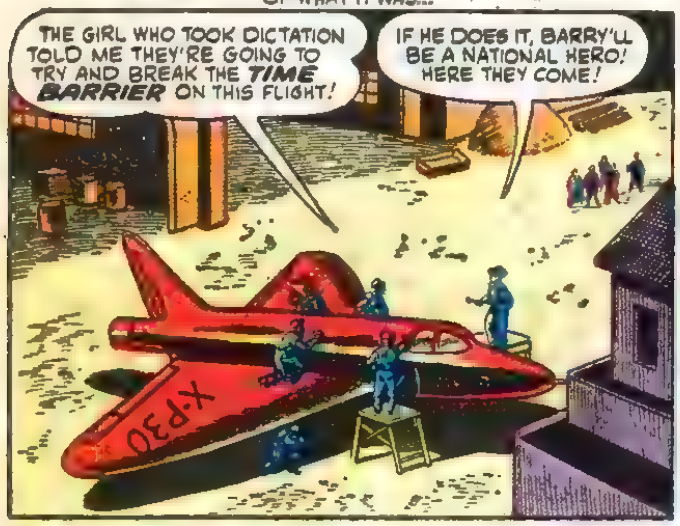
YOU WONDER WHY I'M LIKE THIS? WITHOUT SUBSTANCE OR SHADOW, AN UNSEEN WANDERER ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH? LET ME TELL YOU THE STORY!



AND THERE WAS CELIA, WHO WORKED IN THE OFFICE, SO LOVELY, SHE TOOK MY BREATH AWAY...
HI, MARK!
CELIA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT ON THE FIELD?
WE'VE JUST HAD THE WORD THAT BARRY'S FLYING THE NEW JET JOB FOR THAT HUSH-HUSH EXPERIMENT.
WITH HER BESIDE ME, I KNOW I COULD AMOUNT TO SOMETHING, INSTEAD OF JUST BEING A SECOND RATE MECHANIC!
HERE IT COMES! DON'T YOU WISH YOU WERE UP THERE, MARK?
I KNOW THESE JETS INSIDE AND OUT, BUT THEY WOULDN'T EVEN LET ME FACE THE TEST... SAID I WAS EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY UNFIT TO FLY THEM!
HOW ABOUT DINNER AND A SHOW TONIGHT, CELIA?
I'M SORRY MARK, BUT I PROMISED BARRY I'D GO OUT WITH HIM THE DAY HE GOT BACK WITH THE JET!
THEY RUSHED TO THE JET, AS BARRY STEPPED OUT! I COULD SEE THE FLASH OF HIS SMILE AS HE TOOK CELIA'S ARM! BARRY, THE PILOT, THE INDIVIDUAL, THE 'SOMEBODY.'
THEY ALL LOOK ALIKE IN THEIR COVERALLS...AND I'M ONE OF THEM...ONE OF THE NOBODIES! THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN ALL MY LIFE...
THAT NIGHT, IN MY ROOM NEAR THE FIELD, I THOUGHT OF CELIA AS I ALWAYS DID... AND OF BARRY...
SHE'S PROBABLY DANCING WITH BARRY NOW... SMILING UP AT HIM! THERE'VE BEEN TIMES WHEN I THOUGHT THAT SHE AND I... BUT WHAT CHANCE DO I STAND AGAINST BARRY... THE PILOT, THE HERO?

THE NEXT MORNING, THE SCIENTISTS CAME AND THEY, BARRY AND THE TOP BRASS WERE CLOSETED ALL MORNING DISCUSSING THE EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT! WE ON THE FIELD MADE OUR OWN GUESSES OF WHAT IT WAS...


THE GIRL WHO TOOK DICTATION TOLD ME THEY'RE GOING TO TRY AND BREAK THE TIME BARRIER ON THIS FLIGHT!
IF HE DOES IT, BARRY'LL BE A NATIONAL HERO! HERE THEY COME!
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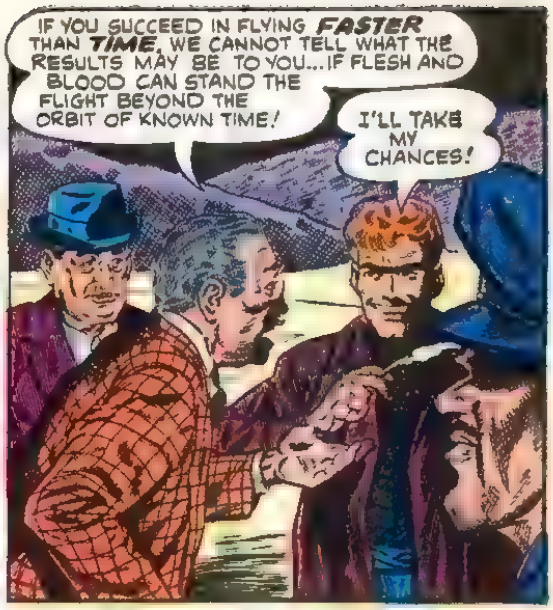
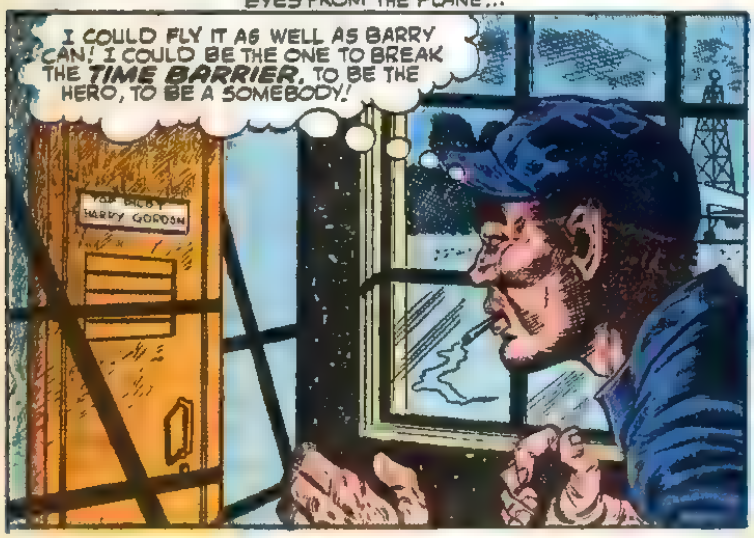
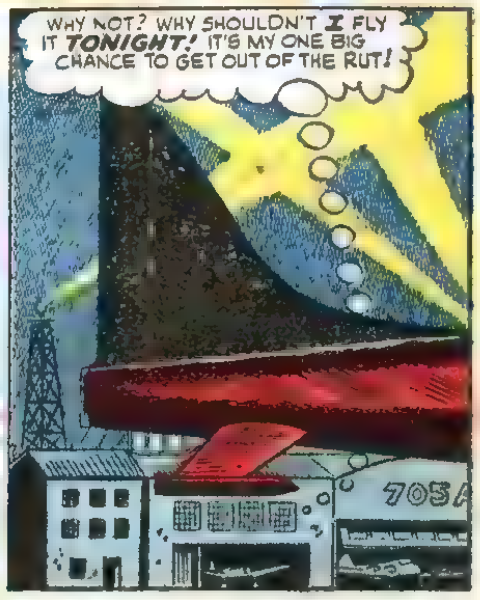

IF YOU SUCCEED IN FLYING FASTER THAN TIME, WE CANNOT TELL WHAT THE RESULTS MAY BE TO YOU... IF FLESH AND BLOOD CAN STAND THE FLIGHT BEYOND THE ORBIT OF KNOWN TIME!
I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES!

IN THE MORNING, THE TEST WOULD BE MADE... THE ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE TIME BARRIER! I LINGERED AFTER DARK... I COULDN'T TAKE MY EYES FROM THE PLANE...





I DONNED BARRY'S FLYING SUIT, DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR THIS FLIGHT...

THE WHEEL FELT AS THOUGH IT BELONGED IN MY HANDS! THE PLANE SHOT SKYWARD ON JETS! I FELT WHOLE, ALIVE KINGLY! THIS WAS MY MOMENT!

I LEVELED OFF ABOVE THE CLOUDS, HIGH UP! MY HAND WENT TO THE SPECIAL JET LEVER... THEN THE VOICE CAME FROM THE RADIO...

JET, "BARRIER"! CALLING JET "BARRIER"! WHO IS AT CONTROLS? COME DOWN IMMEDIATELY! DO YOU HEAR? OVER!
IT'S MARK AT THE CONTROLS! AND I'M NOT COMING DOWN! I'M GOING TO BREAK THE TIME BARRIER, I'M CUTTING RADIO CONTACT NOW!

I PULLED THE SPECIAL JET LEVER! THE PLANE SEEMED TO LEAP AHEAD! THEN A NEW, A FAMILIAR VOICE FROM THE CONTROL TOWER...

MARK! IT'S CELIA! YOU MUST COME BACK! YOU CAN'T REALIZE THE DANGER!

NO, DARLING, I'M GOING AHEAD! MEET ME AT THE FIELD WHEN I LAND! I'M DOING THIS FOR **BOTH** OF US!

I CUT THE VOICES OFF! I WAS ALONE IN THE CLOUDS WITH MY DESTINY! EARTH AND SKY FLASHED BY, FASTER...THE NEEDLE QUIVERED AT THE END OF ITS ORBIT...FASTER...FASTER...

I'M ALMOST AT THE LIMIT OF KNOWN TIME!

SOUND CEASED! I SPED THROUGH A VACUUM! SUDDENLY THE PLANE SHUDDERED! I FELT LIGHT-HEADED, DIFFERENT...THEN I KNEW THAT I'D CRACKED THE TIME BARRIER, THAT I'D TRAVELED BEYOND THE ORBIT OF KNOWN TIME, BEYOND ANYTHING MAN HAD EVER KNOWN BEFORE!

I'VE DONE IT! I'M A SOMEBODY NOW! PEOPLE WILL LOOK AT ME, I WON'T BE JUST ONE OF THE CROWD ANY MORE! AND CELIA... SHE'LL SEE ME IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT NOW!

IT WAS DONE! I PULLED MY SPEED BACK TO NORMAL, LOCATED THE FIELD AND SLOWED DOWN FOR THE LANDING!

I MADE A PERFECT LANDING! THEN I SAT IN THE PILOT'S SEAT, EXHAUSTED BUT HAPPY, AND I WATCHED THEM RUSH TOWARD ME... AND I WAITED FOR THE OVATION...

WHY...THERE'S NO ONE AT THE CONTROLS... NO ONE ANYWHERE IN THE PLANE!

WHAT...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? OF COURSE I'M HERE! **LOOK... HERE I AM!** I FLEW BEYOND THE ORBIT OF TIME!

THIS IS EXTRAORDINARY! AMAZING! WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM?

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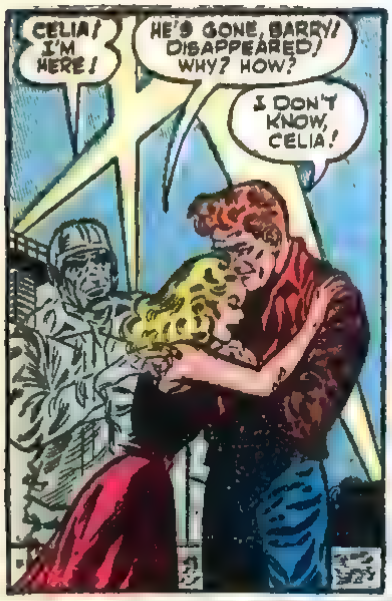
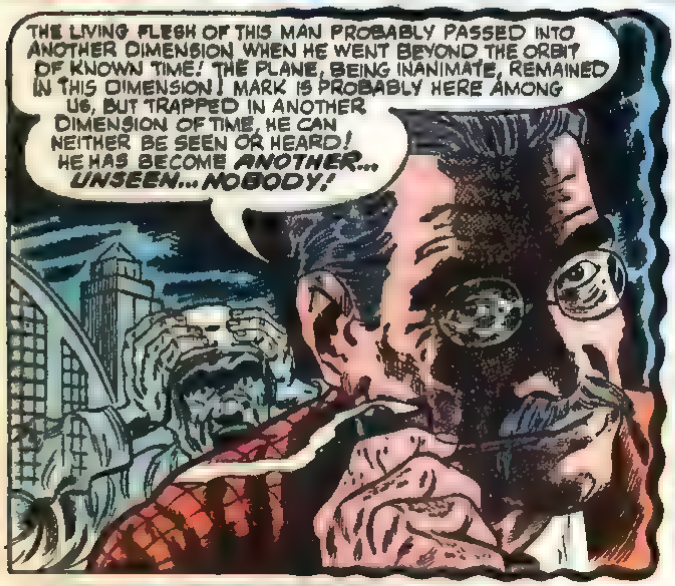
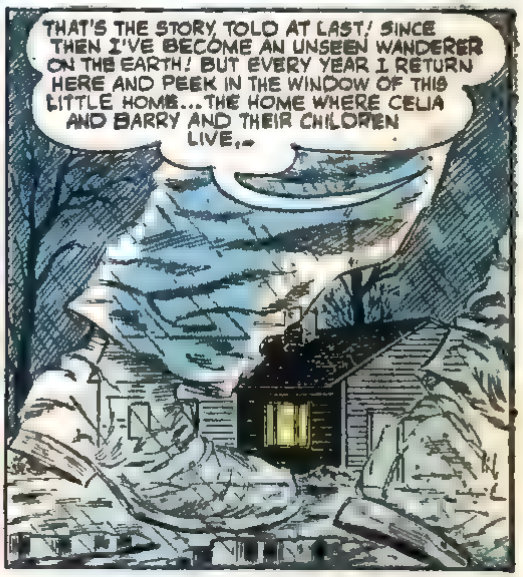
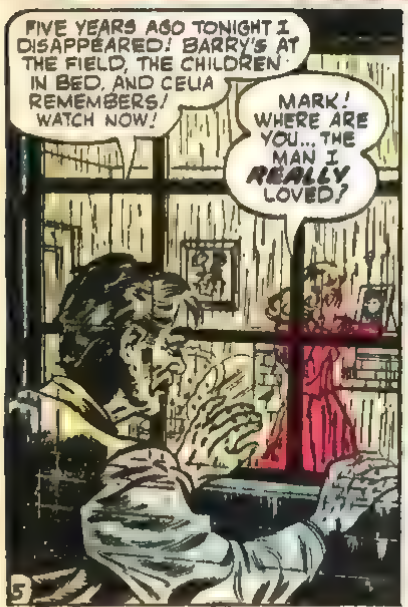


I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL A DREAM, OR THAT I WAS GOING CRAZY! THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED... A MECHANIC CAME TOWARD THE PLANE AND... HE WALKED RIGHT THROUGH ME!

THERE'S ONE WAY TO EXPLAIN THIS! OBVIOUSLY SOMEONE WAS AT THE CONTROLS WHEN THE PLANE LANDED, AND IT COULD HAVE BEEN THIS MAN MARK!


THE LIVING FLESH OF THIS MAN PROBABLY PASSED INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION WHEN HE WENT BEYOND THE ORBIT OF KNOWN TIME! THE PLANE, BEING INANIMATE, REMAINED IN THIS DIMENSION! MARK IS PROBABLY HERE AMONG US, BUT TRAPPED IN ANOTHER DIMENSION OF TIME, HE CAN NEITHER BE SEEN OR HEARD! HE HAS BECOME ANOTHER... UNSEEN... NOBODY!


THAT'S THE STORY, TOLD AT LAST! SINCE THEN I'VE BECOME AN UNSEEN WANDERER ON THE EARTH! BUT EVERY YEAR I RETURN HERE AND PEEK IN THE WINDOW OF THIS LITTLE HOME... THE HOME WHERE CELIA AND BARRY AND THEIR CHILDREN LIVE...


FIVE YEARS AGO TONIGHT I DISAPPEARED! BARRY'S AT THE FIELD, THE CHILDREN IN BED, AND CELIA REMEMBERS! WATCH NOW!
MARK! WHERE ARE YOU... THE MAN I REALLY LOVED!

YOU HEARD! HER LOVE COULD HAVE BEEN MINE, BUT I THREW IT AWAY IN MY ATTEMPT TO BE A SOMEBODY, WHEN ALL THE TIME THIS WOULD HAVE GIVEN ME MY PLACE IN THE WORLD! THE IRONY OF IT... NOW I AM TRULY A NOBODY!

I FACE THE STORM AGAIN, UNSEEN TEARS FLOWING WITH THE RAIN THAT PASSES THROUGH MY INVISIBLE FACE, AND I WANDER ON INTO THE ARMS OF TIME... NOTHING, NOBODY, UNHEARD, UNSEEN!
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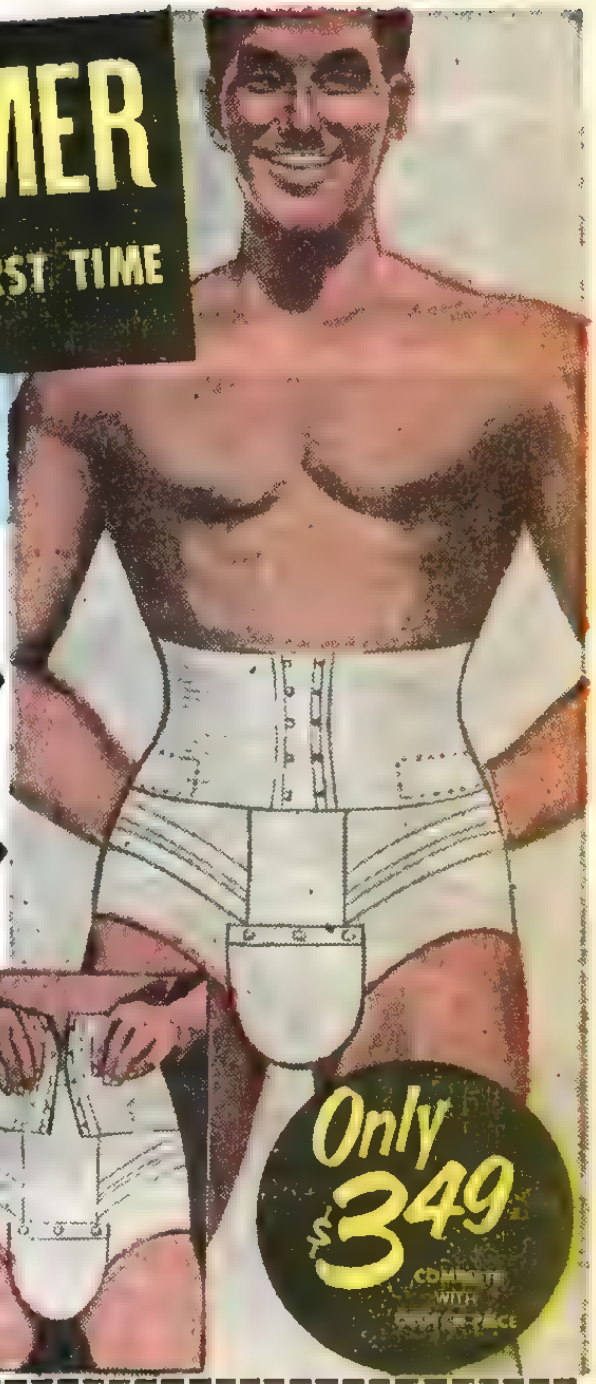

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YEP, MARK HAS **PLENTY** OF **TIME** ON HIS HANDS NOW! DO YOU KNOW ANYONE AS **GROUCHY** AS **THIS** CHARACTER? GUESS WE ALL DO! BUT ALL **SAM** WANTS IS A LITTLE PEACE AND QUIET! AND HE **GETS** IT, TOO, IN THE **WORST** WAY!

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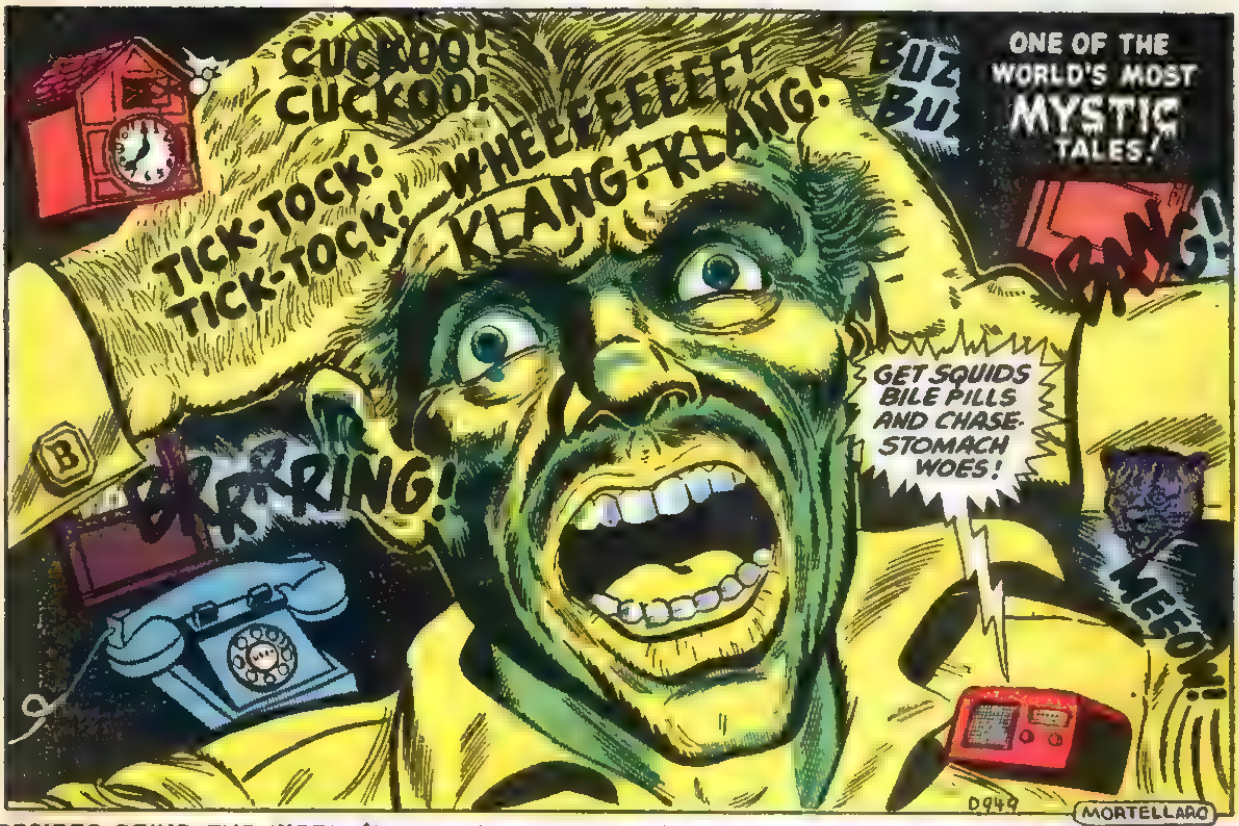

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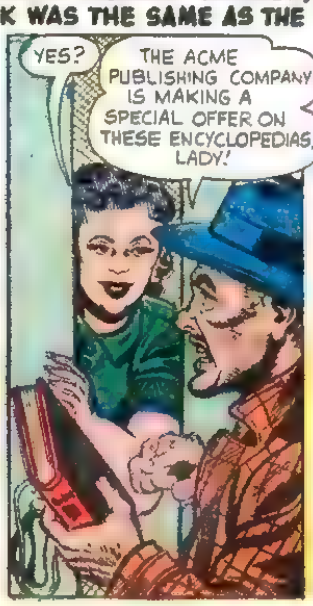

FIFTY-TWO DOORBELLS LATER...
I GOT A BARGAIN HERE...
BEAT IT! THE LAST TIME I LET YOU IN, I FOUND HALF OF MY SILVERWARE MISSING WHEN YOU LEFT!
NO VACANCY
I GOTTA REMEMBER NOT TO TACKLE THE SAME PLACE TWICE!
WHO DO THESE JERKS THINK THEY ARE, NOT BUYIN' MY BOOKS! I HATE 'EM ALL... THEY'RE ALL SUCKERS! THEY DESERVE TO BE FLEECED!
WATCH WHERE YER GOIN'!
SKREEE!
DROP DEAD, YA CREEP! I HOPE YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT!
I HATE PEOPLE ...ALL OF 'EM! THEY AIN'T NO GOOD... NONE OF 'EM!
LUGGING HIS MUD-SPATTERED SAMPLE CASE THRU THE STREETS, SAM DECIDED TO TRY A FEW MORE HOUSES...
CAN YOU TELL ME A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOUR BOOKS?
WHAT DO YA WANT FOR YER 25 BUCKS ...A SPEECH?!! DON'T WASTE MY TIME! DO YA WANNA BUY 'EM OR NOT?
FRESH BOOR!
YA UGLY OLD CROW! I HOPE YA CAUGHT YER NOSE IN THAT DOOR!
SLAM!
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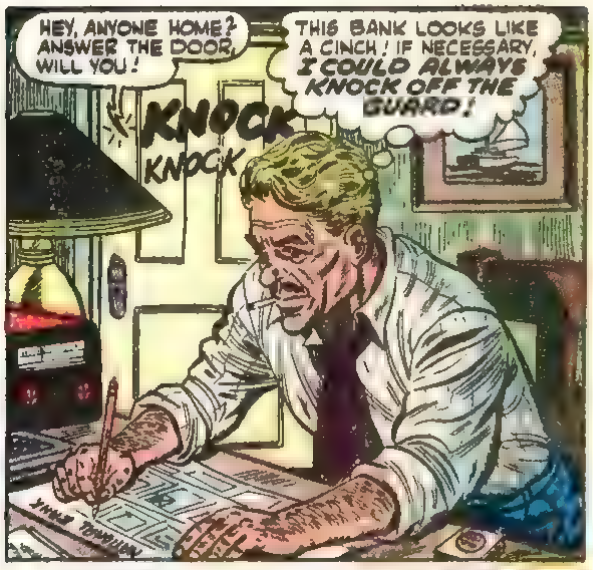
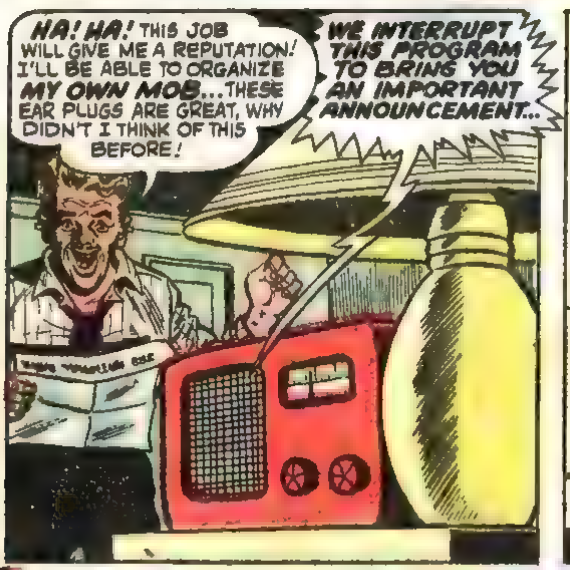
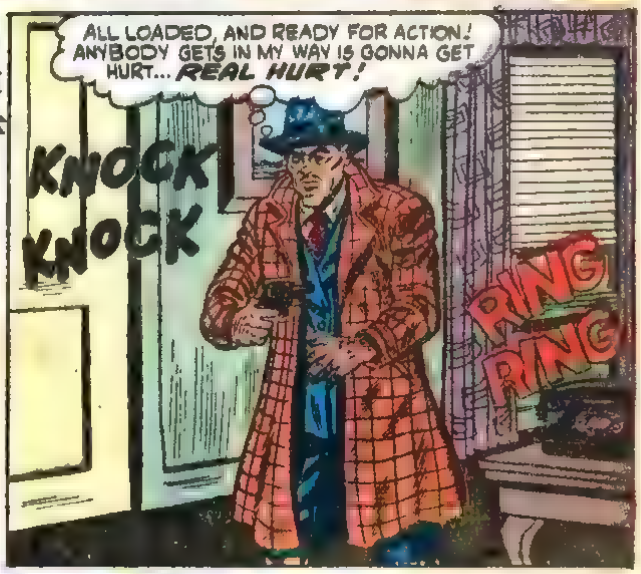
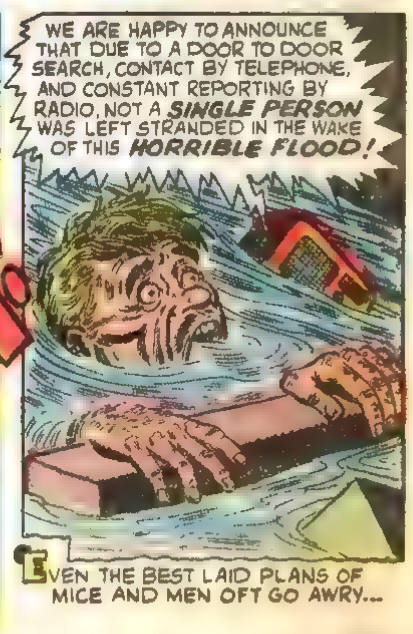
SEVERAL DOORS DOWN...
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' IN MY BACK-YARD? WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO THE FRONT DOOR?
I...I DIDN'T KNOW YA HAD WATCHDOGS HERE! CALL 'EM OFF!
RUFF! YA?
I THOUGHT THIS DUMP WAS EMPTY AND I COULD SNEAK IN AND HUSTLE SOME SILVER! NEXT TIME I'LL CHECK FER DOGS!
SLAM!
GRR
SAM MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE DOGS AND TURNED HIS SPITE-FILLED EYES TOWARD A NEARBY BUS!
HEY, STUPID! WAIT! I'M A CUSTOMER, DURN YA! YA GOTTA WAIT FOR ME!
THE CRUMB IS LEAVIN' WITHOUT ME! I HOPE HE SKIDS INTO A TREE!
AS USUAL, SAM DECIDED TO SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY IN A LOCAL BAR! THE DRINKS HE SQUANDERED HIS LAST BIT OF MONEY ON DID NOTHING TO IMPROVE HIS DISPOSITION!
HELLO, SAM DEAR...DID YOU HAVE A GOOD DAY?
WHAT'RE YA DOIN'? STARTIN' TO NAG ME ALREADY? I GOT ENUFF TROUBLE WITHOUT LISTENIN' TO YOU SCREECHIN' AT ME! JUST SHUT UP AND STAY OUTTA MY WAY!
HOW COME DINNER AIN'T READY YET? I'M HUNGRY! WHY AIN'TCHA COOKIN', INSTEAD OF STANDIN' AROUND LIKE A LAZY SLOB?!!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TALK TO ME THAT WAY ANY MORE, SAM BLAINE! I'VE TAKEN ALL I CAN FROM YOU! I'M LEAVING YOU AND GOING TO LIVE WITH MOTHER!
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A MEAN, SELFISH, HATEFUL MAN! YOU HAVEN'T DONE A DECENT THING SINCE I MARRIED YOU! YOU'RE JUST NO GOOD!
GO ON, BEAT IT! WITHOUT YOU STOPPIN' ME, I CAN JOIN A MOB AND REALLY MAKE SOME BIG DOUGH HEISTIN' JOINTS! MAKE SURE YA DON'T COME BACK!
ALL DAY LONG... SLAM! SLAM! SLAM! WELL, I AIN'T GONNA LISTEN TO NO MORE NOISE! I'M GONNA SHOVE THESE EAR PLUGS IN MY EARS AND JUST RELAX! NO NOISE...NOBODY SHOUTIN' AT ME... NUTHIN'! JUST PEACE AND QUIET!
SLAM!
EAR PLUGS

AH, THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! PEACE AND QUIET...NOTHING TO DISTURB MY CONCENTRATING ON THESE PLANS OF THE 3RD NATIONAL BANK!
PLANS
3RD NATIONAL BANK


HEY, ANYONE HOME? ANSWER THE DOOR, WILL YOU!
KNOCK KNOCK
THIS BANK LOOKS LIKE A CINCH! IF NECESSARY, I COULD ALWAYS KNOCK OFF THE GUARD!


HA! HA! THIS JOB WILL GIVE ME A REPUTATION! I'LL BE ABLE TO ORGANIZE MY OWN MOB...THESE EAR PLUGS ARE GREAT, WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS BEFORE!
WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO BRING YOU AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT...




WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT DUE TO A DOOR TO DOOR SEARCH, CONTACT BY TELEPHONE, AND CONSTANT REPORTING BY RADIO, NOT A SINGLE PERSON WAS LEFT STRANDED IN THE WAKE OF THIS HORRIBLE FLOOD!
EVEN THE BEST LAID PLANS OF MICE AND MEN OFT GO AWRY...

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space ship. He sees me following him and heads down, straight down with me hot on his tail. After he hits 3,000 feet, something happens to his ship and he goes into a spin. It's curtains for him, I know that. He crashes, and I pull in around the wreckage.

"The pilot, a queer looking guy was thrown clear of the wreckage and somehow is still alive. I'm heading for him to see if I can help him.

"Go back, you fool!" he yells and I'm surprised that he can speak English. This I gotta see.

I pick him up as well as I can, but I see it won't be long before he's done. He tells me a stranger story than I'm telling you now.

"He's from a planet called Typra, a planet composed almost entirely of Radium. But something happens to him when he hits the earth's atmosphere. For he isn't hurt, but death is already settling on his features.

"He told me his body was now completely radioactive, and that I was a doomed man for coming so near. But what could I do, Mac? The guy was hurt."

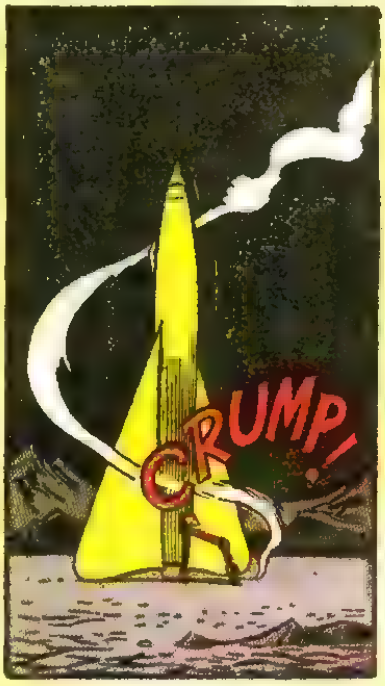
I guess my disbelief spreads to my face because the guy says.

"You too, eh? I guess it does sound nuts. That's what the big boys thought when I told them about it. They stuck me in front of a bunch of psychiatrists who clucked their tongues and looked wise and told me I was suffering from hallucinations. Maybe so, but I *saw* this man. And when he died, there was a brilliant circle of weird green light all about him. It almost hurt the eyes. This I didn't imagine, I know."

"That's about all there is to the story."

I sat there swishing my beer around when it suddenly dawned on me.

"Hey! Wait a minute! If these rays or what they are affected you and your body absorbed them, then you're giving them



off and *my* body is absorbing them!"

"That's right," he said softly. "If nobody will believe me, what am I going to do. But soon you *will* believe me, and then there'll be *two* of us trying to convince the world. Then four ad infinitum if they won't lessen."

"You're mad!" I said, angry at him and myself for letting him worry me with his hokum about a space ship and a guy from another planet. "You're stark, raving mad!"

He nodded absently and got up from my table, his drink hardly touched.

"It takes a while to find out, about the rays, Mac. And you'll get used to yourself glowing green in darkness. Me, my time's about up. I had to have someone to carry on where I left off. Don't you think, Mac?"

His eyes were two blazing coals hid deep in skeletal sockets, now. He was insane. Nuts. He had to be.

And then his harsh features relaxed, the lines of his face disappeared and he crumpled loosely to the floor. Barney and a couple of other guys rush over. Me, I got out of there before the cops arrived.

I hadn't forgotten about this strange little man the next morning, but I did feel a little better, as I sat down to read the evening paper. It struck me like being clubbed across the pit of the stomach. The headlines screamed:

DEATH OF GREEN MAN MYSTERY. It went on to say how a mysterious circle of brilliant green light surrounded the man's body. A weird green light, like one, some writer said, from another planet. He didn't know how right he was.

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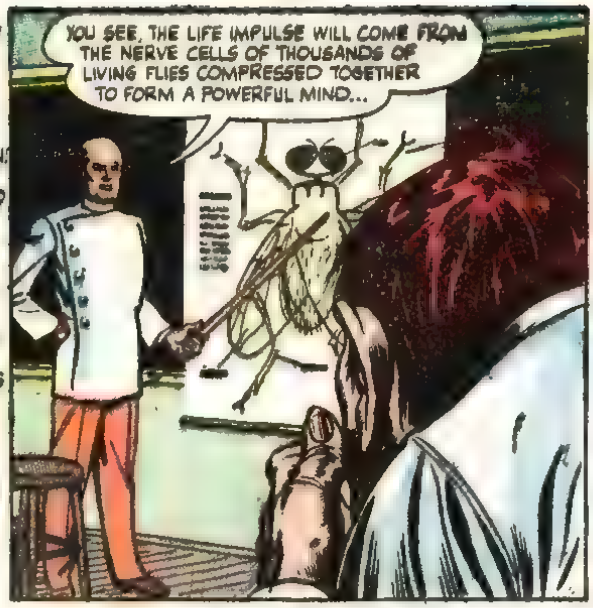
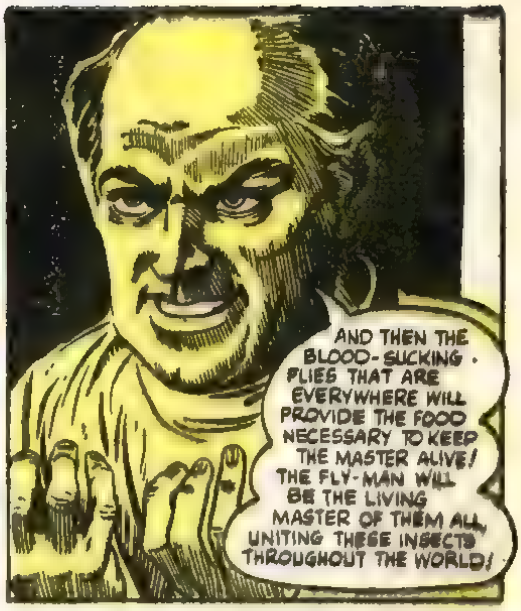
IT HAPPENED IN THE LAB

SO YOU HATE FLIES, EH? WELL, IF YOU'RE SMART YOU'LL LISTEN TO THIS STORY AND LEAVE THE FLIES ALONE...

GREGOR HAD BEEN MY BOSS FOR MANY YEARS! HE WAS A BRILLIANT BIOCHEMIST, BUT HE HATED PEOPLE! I JUST DID THE WASHING UP AROUND THE PLACE, BUT HE USED TO CONFIDE IN ME A LOT...

THAT'S HOW I FIRST LEARNED THAT HE WAS MAKING THE FLY-MAN! I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ALL THE THINGS HE WAS TALKING ABOUT, BUT I KNEW IT WAS GOING TO BE SOMETHING TERRIBLE!


YOU SEE, THE LIFE IMPULSE WILL COME FROM THE NERVE CELLS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVING FLIES COMPRESSED TOGETHER TO FORM A POWERFUL MIND...


AND THEN THE BLOOD-SUCKING FLIES THAT ARE EVERYWHERE WILL PROVIDE THE FOOD NECESSARY TO KEEP THE MASTER ALIVE! THE FLY-MAN WILL BE THE LIVING MASTER OF THEM ALL, UNITING THESE INSECTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!

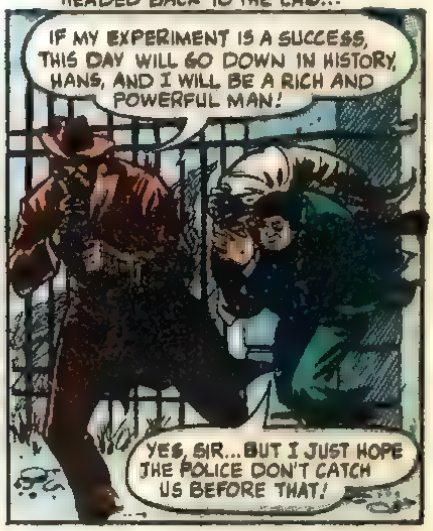
SURE I WAS SCARED, BUT I DIDN'T DARE LEAVE HIM! SO WHEN HE SUGGESTED THAT WE GO TO THE CEMETERY FOR A FRESH CORPSE, I FOLLOWED HIS ORDERS...

WE'LL BEGIN AS SOON AS THEY'VE GONE! THE BODY MUST BE VERY FRESH...THERE CAN BE NO DECOMPOSITION OF THE FLESH!
THEY'RE LEAVING NOW!

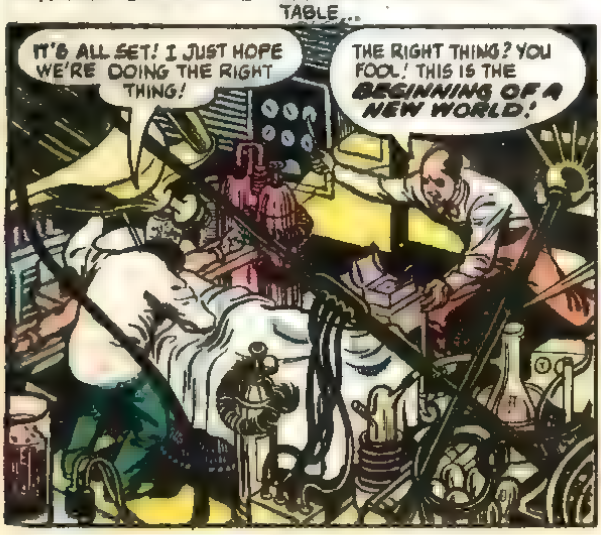
THE EARTH WAS STILL SOFT, SO IT WAS ONLY A FEW MINUTES BEFORE I WAS DOWN TO THE COFFIN...

EXCELLENT! GET THE BODY UP HERE AND WE'LL WRAP IT IN THIS SHROUD! HURRY, WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE WATCHMAN COMES BACK!
(GASP!) I'VE NEVER SEEN A DEAD MAN SO CLOSE!

WE WRAPPED UP THE BODY AND I FILLED IN THE GRAVE AGAIN SO THAT NO ONE WOULD KNOW IT WAS GONE! THEN WE HEADED BACK TO THE LAB...


IF MY EXPERIMENT IS A SUCCESS, THIS DAY WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY, HANS, AND I WILL BE A RICH AND POWERFUL MAN!
YES, SIR...BUT I JUST HOPE THE POLICE DON'T CATCH US BEFORE THAT!

WE GOT THE BODY BACK WITHOUT ANYONE SEEING US! THEN THE DOC STARTED HOPPING AROUND LIKE CRAZY...GETTING EVERYTHING SET UP WHILE I STRAPPED THE CORPSE TO THE TABLE...



AFTER THE BODY WAS PREPARED WITH INJECTIONS OF SPECIAL CHEMICALS THE DOC BROUGHT OUT A HUGE PAIR OF WINGS THAT LOOKED AS IF THEY BELONGED TO A GIANT FLY...

FIRST OF ALL, OUR FLY-MAN MUST HAVE A PAIR OF WINGS CONSTRUCTED OF LIVING MEMBRANES! THESE, HANS, ARE EXACT DUPLICATES OF FLY WINGS!

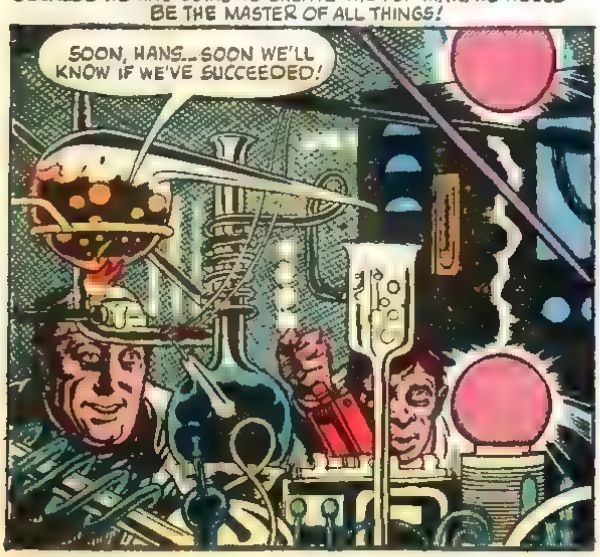
THE NEXT STAGE WAS THE EYES...IT MADE ME DIZZY TO GLARE INTO THE GLOWING THINGS THAT LOOKED LIKE THOUSANDS OF RED BEADS...

THE LAST ITEM WAS THE MOST HORRIBLE OF ALL...THE BRAIN OF THE FLY-MAN WAS A COMPRESSED MASS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVING, BUZZING FLIES IN A GLASS SKULL!

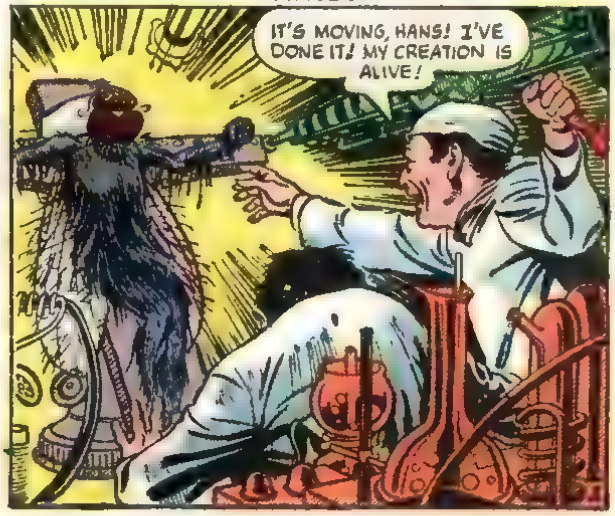
THE FLIES COULD BE UNITED TO INFECT ARMIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND THE GREATEST NATIONS WOULD BE POWERLESS AGAINST THEM!

KINGS AND DICTATORS WOULD BE FORCED TO CAPITULATE TO THE FLY-MAN'S POWER! WHAT HUMAN BEING COULD STAND THE CONSTANT BUZZING? WHO COULD KEEP FROM GOING MAD?

AND SO GREGOR WAS DREAMING OF SUPREME POWER! AND BECAUSE HE WAS GOING TO CREATE THE FLY-MAN, HE WOULD BE THE MASTER OF ALL THINGS!



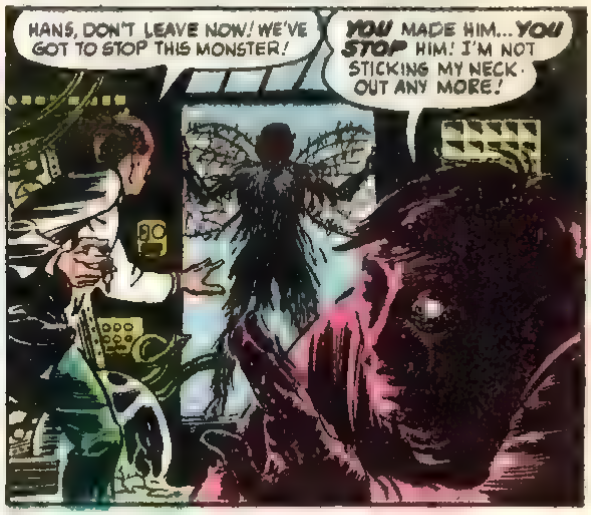
THE ELECTROSTAT SHUT OFF THE CURRENT, AND THERE WAS A MINUTE OF DEEP, TERRIFYING SILENCE! THEN THE FLIES IN THE GLASS SKULL BEGAN TO BUZZ AND HUM, AND THE FLY-MAN MOVED...



IT WAS A STARTLING SIGHT TO SEE THE CREATURE STIRRING ON THE TABLE, STRAINING TO SIT UP! THEN, SUDDENLY, IT SNAPPED THE BANDS THAT HELD IT DOWN!
DOCTOR! I'M AFRAID! WHAT IF IT KILLS US?
DON'T WORRY, HANS... I AM ITS MASTER! I CREATED IT!
BZZZZZZ
I AM YOUR MASTER, FLY-MAN! I CREATED YOU! YOU MUST OBEY ME!
HE... HE SEEMS TO BE LISTENING TO YOU!
THE FIRST THING I WANT YOU TO DO IS SUMMON A VAST ARMY OF FLIES HERE! THEY MUST SURROUND THE LABORATORY TO PROTECT US FROM OUR ENEMIES! THEN, WE WILL BEGIN THE ATTACK!
ZZZBUZZZZ
HE'S GOING! HE HEARD YOU! HE'S GONNA FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS!
YES, HANS, AND FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, I WILL BE KNOWN AS THE GREATEST MAN ON EARTH!
ZZZAAAZZZZ
TWO DAYS WENT BY WITHOUT A SIGN OF THE FLY-MAN OR HIS SUBJECTS, AND GREGOR, BECAME MORE AND MORE WORRIED!
WHAT IF HE WASN'T COMPLETELY OBEDIENT TO ME? WHAT IF HE DOESN'T COME BACK? A MONSTER LIKE THAT WITHOUT SOMEONE TO RULE HIM CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS!
ALMOST AS SOON AS HE HAD SAID THOSE WORDS, WE HEARD A TREMENDOUS SOUND OF CRASHING AND BANGING OVER OUR HEADS!
GOOD HEAVENS, IT SOUNDS LIKE...
...THE FLY-MAN! HE'S RETURNED! BUT WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE UPSTAIRS?
BY THE TIME WE REACHED THE LABORATORY THE VISITORS WERE GONE! BUT THEY HAD LEFT BEHIND THEM COMPLETE DESTRUCTION! THE PLACE WAS A MASS OF SHATTERED GLASS AND TUBING, BROKEN EQUIPMENT AND BURNED PAPERS!
MY LABORATORY... MY NOTES ON THE FLIES... YEARS OF RESEARCH... COMPLETELY DESTROYED!
I-I GUESS YOU CAN'T CONTROL THE FLY-MAN AS YOU THOUGHT!

HE'S DESTROYED EVERYTHING I'VE WORKED FOR, BUT I'M NOT THROUGH YET! IF I CAN'T CONTROL HIM, I'VE GOT TO DESTROY HIM!
HE'S COMING BACK! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE KILLS US!

THE FLY-MAN LANDED ON THE WINDOW SILL AND I COULD TELL BY GREGOR'S FACE THAT HE WAS GOING TO TRY TO SHOVE THE HYPO INTO THE CREATURE! I BEAT IT FAST!



I WANTED TO RUN, BUT SOMEHOW I HAD TO SEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN! I PUT MY EAR TO THE DOOR AND LISTENED... AND THEN I HEARD...

I DASHED DOWNSTAIRS AND GOT TO THE PHONE! THE OPERATOR GOT ME THE POLICE STATION! I WAS SO SCARED I COULD HARDLY SPEAK!

THE POLICE ARRIVED AND WHEN THEY FOUND THE FRONT DOOR TO THE LAB WAS LOCKED, THEY BROKE IT DOWN! I DIDN'T TELL THEM ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED... THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED ME!

YES, IT WAS A PRETTY UGLY THING TO SEE! THEY SEARCHED EVERYWHERE, BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD THEY TRIED, THEY COULDN'T FIND THE DOC'S ARMS! IN FACT, IT WAS JUST LIKE THE CORONER SAID...

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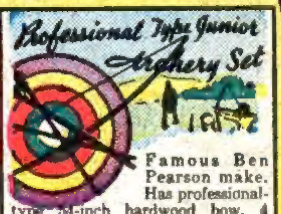

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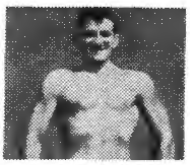

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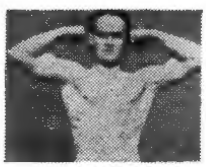

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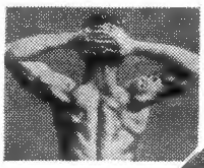

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